

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 80

BY SENATOR BROOME

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend Susan G. Komen for the Cure and its Louisiana Affiliates for its work to increase life expectancy and the improvement in the quality of life in local communities through the delivery of breast cancer education, screening, treatment, and research, and to recognize April 29, 2014, as Susan G. Komen Day at the Louisiana Legislature.

WHEREAS, Susan G. Komen is the world's largest grassroots network of breast cancer survivors and advocates fighting together to save lives, empower people, ensure quality care for all, and energize science to find cures for cancer; and

WHEREAS, except for skin cancer, breast cancer is the most commonly diagnosed cancer among women in the United States; and

WHEREAS, among the fifty states, Louisiana is among the states with the highest rate of breast cancer mortality, despite the fact that the breast cancer incidence rate in Louisiana is lower than the national average; and

WHEREAS, in Louisiana this year, an estimated three thousand six hundred thirty new cases of breast cancer will be diagnosed among women, and six hundred fifty Louisiana women will die of the disease, many of them facing a late-stage diagnosis involving fewer treatment options and lower chances of survival; and

WHEREAS, Louisiana has the fifth highest uninsured rate in the United States and, as a consequence, many women often face the decision of whether to delay or completely forego the breast cancer screenings that are a key to surviving this disease; and

WHEREAS, Susan G. Komen for the Cure and its Louisiana Affiliates honor the mission to "save lives and end breast cancer forever" by advocating to preserve full state funding, and matching federal funding of the Louisiana Breast and Cervical Health Program; and

WHEREAS, full funding of the Louisiana Breast and Cervical Health Program will continue to provide breast cancer early detection services to the aforementioned women; and

WHEREAS, Susan G. Komen for the Cure continues its mission locally, nationally, and globally to identify the cures that will end breast cancer as a life-threatening disease and to provide community-based support to the women and men fighting breast cancer today, including those in this state.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Susan G. Komen for the Cure and its Louisiana affiliates for its unwavering dedication to the fight against breast cancer.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby recognize Tuesday, April 29, 2014, as Susan G. Komen Day at the legislature.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES